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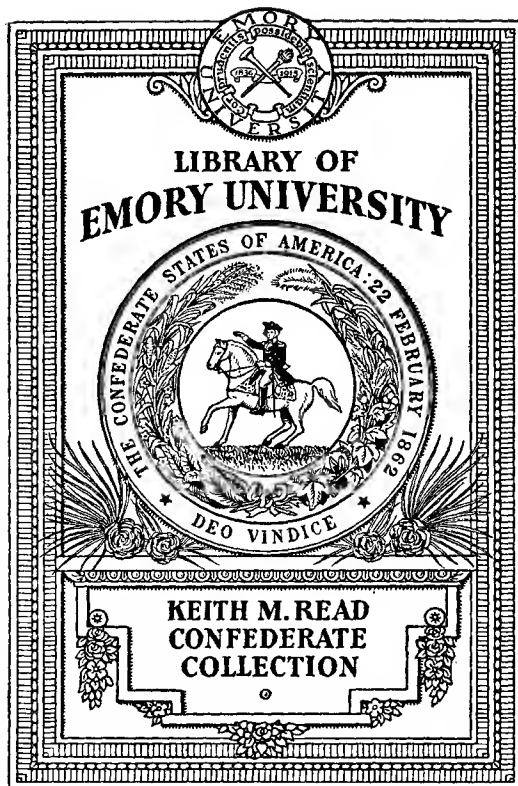
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CHARITY AND CHRISTIAN LOVE.

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED IN ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CHARLESTON,
S. C., JUNE 11TH, 1861, AT THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE CHURCH HOME, BY REV. A. TOOMER PORTER, RECTOR OF
THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.

Text: 1ST CORINTHIANS, 13th chap., 8 verse. "Charity never faileth."

When throughout the extent of a Continent is heard nought but the preparation for strife and bloodshed; when passions are roused, and enmities engendered in a day which will last for generations to come; when enmities at which the heart sickens are being perpetrated even while we speak—*when* armies are even now marshalled, only awaiting the word of command to open on each other their death dealing weapons; when to their shame, be it declared, every religious press and every religious body has spoken out language and used influence acquired for holy purposes to inflame, encourage and aggravate the distemper with which an inflated, proud and boasting world has been afflicted, in the madness of an impotent rage—when the altars on which the emblems of peace, good will among men are placed, have been desecrated by the highest functionaries of the Church; when the spires to the house of God which should be surmounted by the Cross of Him to whose honor and glory they were dedicated, have been used as turrets of a fortress, as banner staffs, consecrating as it were the cause which that flag represents, influencing to a large extent, the pious and quiet and conservative to rush into the same vortex in which the baser sort have been engulfed—when a great Confederacy, born in weakness, baptized in blood, is passing away in its death struggles, spreading devastation and shedding blood, compared to which its opening honors will be forgotten, did we not have the infallible word of God to rest upon, we would almost be induced to think the much admired, long preached, loudly professed doctrines of Christianity had no abiding continuance—that they were beautiful in theory, but deficient in practice.

But the Bible is God's word—its inspiration is as indisputably proved to our mind and hearts as our own existence, its unfailing truth is with us an unquestioned fact, as sure as the

revolution of the earth and the recurrence of day and night ; and, therefore, we cannot doubt, nor do we fail to take comfort from and rejoice in the truth announced in the text, however unpropitious may the state of society be, or contrary great apparent facts are, some where in the barren waste the penciled flower blooms and raises its petals to the smiling skies, charity *never faileth*, not only its eternal endurance is declared, but its perpetual existence is ensured—it *never faileth*. *Some somewhere* are the instruments blessed who keep alive the heaven lit flame through all the adverse gales which would, if they could, extinguish it by these outbursts of human passion and human sin which have marked the history of the race from the beginning and which now in our day God has permitted to break upon our once favored land. *How plainly* men manifest the fearful truth of the Saviour's assertion—"Many are called, but few are chosen." Since in so many who name the name of Christ is discovered the absence of those principles which are the very foundation, aye, the living spirit of Christianity. As soon as the peculiar temptation arises to test the presence of the one and the absence of the other, the history of the whole world is but as it were the nations of the earth going beforehand to judgment, while the generation proclaims its own doom ere the books are open and the Throne is set. It is of vast importance to us, brethren, diligently to try and examine ourselves whether we possess those principles which are distinctly Christian, whether we are of the few in whom charity never fails, and on an occasion of the Church where this principle is the originating, influencing, and controlling one, we may benefit both ourselves and the institution we are connected with, by a little reflection on the subject.

By some mischance this word, translated charity, has been most grievously perverted, and in many minds the *idea* of charity is confined to the giving of *alms*. With no intention to disparage this essential Christian duty, we are sorry to express—we hope the not uncharitable opinion—that there is but little of that which the original word signifies in much of the money given wherewith the work of the Lord is carried on. *Love* is the principle which never *fails*. *Love* is that which survives Faith and Hope. *Love* is the *life* of the Kingdom of God. *Love* is the atmosphere of heaven, but love is far from constraining men to give much that many other motives extorts from them. Then do not let us deceive ourselves, that because we are induced to give to this one and that object of necessity, we are of the class whose charity never fails, but

look into the heart and not into the hand or the pocket in search of the principle ; if possessed by the heart the hand is ever ready to give, and glad to distribute. He whose heart is full of that *love* which never faileth, never sees his brother have need and shutteth up his compassion from him ; the love of the text has its seal and home in the Church of God. All human friendships are liable to decay—all human passions are prone to change, but this never dies, never falters, never changes ; it knits together God, the angels, just men made perfect, the elect of God in every nation, every clime, in one indivisible fellowship ; and, though its possessor sits upon the throne, or toils in the bonds of the slave, though he kneels at the perverted altars of Rome, or where a purer light shines, still if in him that love which never fails is found, the evidence is furnished that he is a child of God, a blessing to the earth he inhabits, and a candidate for that immortal inheritance where love alone will have its freest and fullest exercise. It is this which has given the Church its power in the world ; has enabled it to survive empires and dynasties ; to breathe and flourish notwithstanding all the bloody persecutions which, under the name and banner of faith, have disgraced the Christian profession ; and, triumphing over all opposition, has effected that much of good which is to be found on a sin-stricken earth. It binds together the past, the present and future ; gives us our interest in those who have gone ; directs us in the obligations of our own days, and makes us look forward to the days when others, whom we shall never see or know, will be benefitted by the efforts and sacrifices of the present. It is that which plants the seed, under the tree of which, in distant generations, the children's children of some stranger brother shall rest their weary limbs. It is that which lays the foundations wide and deep of every institution in which the soul and body of the weary sons of ignorance and woe and want shall, in distant as well as present generations, find repose and comfort ; where they shall find development and, as far as may be, happiness, even though our interest in them has no nearer tie than this all-sufficient one—they are men like us who with us have been bought with the precious blood of the Son of God.

Love ! it is the sworn foe of selfishness, and makes us more anxious for other's weal than *our own* ; it is God's best, chiefest gift to man—without which earth would be a hell, and heaven would be no resting place without its possession. It is *this which*, uniting in one great heart the divers opinions of men, makes us bear with the infirmities of the one, the pecu-

liarities of another, the over zeal here, and the slow and measured pace there. As all combine now in this mode, and then in some other, to forward the great work of the Master's Kingdom, it is the great *catholic* principle of the mind of Christ, and they who are filled with His blessed spirit, are the largest possessors of it. Above the trammels of prejudice and party, they are ready to say all, and to do all, which in them lies to forward every good work which is for the glory of God and the good of men. It gives to the faith which saves us the vitality it possesses—for a faith, which does not work by *love* may be *sound* in doctrine and loud in profession, but we doubt not that kind of faith will be found only in that sad group to whom the Lord from off His throne will say, I never knew you, depart from me ye workers of iniquity.

In the many difficulties and numberless obstacles to the continuance and development in the human heart of this God-like principle, there is abundant reason for those who have not the eye of faith to fear its cessation; but *love*, the love of the true Christian—the love of the Church upon whose brow the Master's name is written, cannot fail, simply because it is the offspring of God. God's nature is Love. He has made creation *its* witness, for while the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork, each object of beauty, each instrument of usefulness, each living thing attests the love which reigns without limit in the being of Him for whom and by whom all things exists. In Redemption the very majesty and incomprehensibleness of His love for man have been sufficient grounds for the infidel's doubt and the scoffer's jest. Then as He changes *not*—as this love is begotten of Him in us—as He delights in love, we are satisfied that the principle can never fail in the earth, and have but to strive through faith in His Son to become partakers of that which is the very excellency of God—which endears Him to us and likewise endears us to Him—in whom he sees a large portion of His own spirit and a striking likeness of His own image. It is on this abiding principle that all who heartily engage in charitable works base their calculations. They know themselves the ever flowing richness of the love of God, and feel it in their hearts, swelling up to a fertilizing stream sufficient to reach each stricken spot where e'er an object needs its nourishment and ministry. There it reaches out to extend its blessing, and knowing that the same will ever exist the liberal heart deviseth liberal things, assured that kindred hearts will take up the same and carry on the work of those who have gone home to their Father's house to engage in other and

more noble works of love, where are fewer obstacles and more abundant success.

Now upon this single principle we conceive that the Church Home was founded, and has been continued. Often in the Providence of God the most helpless of all His animate creatures are thrown upon life's stormy wave, with no hand to help, no arm to shield. The tiny insect scarce comes into being ere the nature it is endowed with provides it with sustenance and protection; but the helpless child, what can it do for itself? And then, when a parent's home is most needed, when the rebel spirit begins to move within and it takes the strong principle of love to contend and bear with the damning sin, God mysteriously removes the parent stock and leaves the tendril to quiver in the storm. Has God care for the grass of the field, and careth He not for these little immortals. O yes, He has provided for them a treasury more extensive than that of the heir of a throne. He has implanted in the bosom of His Church that unfailing principle of love which has nothing in view but to do good for the sake of God. He takes from these children their parents, but He provides for them through this love many who are better qualified to lead these little ones up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He deems it one of the bright and hopeful signs of these sad times, that the Church is generally waking up to the fact that she is the mother as her bridegroom is the father of all these homeless, friendless children of her members—that she is to take the charge and knit into families these scattered little ones, relieving them from their solitariness and isolation, and placing them not only where they will be provided for, but where those traits and dispositions of social life will be developed which will enhance their happiness and usefulness here, whilst they are being prayed for and trained for a better home. O, if these Orphan Homes did no other good than simply this—that it taught the homeless and friendless to know and feel the influences of love—that there was a living vital principle dwelling in the Church which made her seek after, care for, and provide for their wants—and thus, if but in few instances, waking up a feeling of gratitude and kindling the flame in some one of their hearts, which in after years and in other scenes was to gladden and warm some cheerless and stricken heart, they would have performed a work which would amply repay all the time and labor and love expended on them.

On this, the anniversary of the Institution, we have but to commend its recurring needs to that Christian love that does not tire, or fails not through exercise, those who love God—

love His creatures ; those who love Jesus, love the children, who seem to have been particularly dear to Him on earth, and dearer still to Him in heaven, judging by the countless numbers He is daily calling home to himself. Those *who know God* and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent like their Father and Saviour, are full of compassion for the destitute and friendless. To those we appeal in behalf of the present and future care of all those who need and will need this refuge. We can trust our charge in such guardians.

To you, my dear little children, I would say only a word — I *want you* to carry with you one single thought, and to keep it in your minds, and let it work there till it gets down into your *heart*. *This Home*, which the Church has founded for you, is built by *love* ; you are gathered into it by love ; you are *kept*, and instructed, and provided *for* ; you are reproved and consoled by love ; you are told about God and your Saviour and Heaven and glory ; your hymns and your prayers—all, everything that is about the Home you live in, is just nothing else but *love*. If it was not for this, it would all come to nothing at once, and you would be scattered all about again. Love, my *children*, love for the blessed Jesus, in whose name you have been baptized, whose children and members you are ; Love for Him makes His grown up members love you and go about in His name to do you good. You know what love *is*, I know, without my trying to explain it to you ; because if you have no love in your heart nobody can make you understand what it is ; but now, that sweet, peaceful, happy feeling of love that you feel in your heart, that is the feeling the member of the Church, who have taken charge of you, have for you. Now, I want you to feel happy, to feel satisfied, to feel grateful. God has taken your own parents, but has given you many others in their place to look after you. Next, I want you to *love* those *who* are taking this care of you ; love them, because they first loved you. Then, I *want* you to learn to love one another a great *deal*. You love differently, but I want you to feel that, as love has brought you all together, you are one family. You are all sisters—God's household. God is your father, and His Church is your mother. If you want to be happy, this is the secret—learn to love. First love God with all your heart ; then love one another as God loves you. See, I have talked about nothing else but love to-day. I want to get that one *idea* in your *mind*. When you lie down in bed awake—think *love* built this Home, love brought me here ; love that can never fail takes care of me, and will provide for me. How thankful I ought to be ; what a good girl

I must be ; how I will try to love every one here ; and, above all, how I will love *God* and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, who makes so much love come into the hearts of kind friends for the orphan and the *friendless* ; and my *children*, I will *tell* you, if you learn from the heart to believe in Jesus ; if you grow up hating nobody, but loving God and *everybody*, you are going to be better, *richer, happier*, than if you had millions upon millions of gold.

Dear *Brethren*, we appeal to you ; the throb of genuine *love* for God and man is *worth* more than a universe can give. One *act of love* is worth a thousand sermons and a library of Theology. Go then, be ye doers of the word, not hearers only.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH HOME.

The Council of the Church Home would respectfully, in making their Annual Report, say to the subscribers and others interested in this institution, that the usual routine, which has obtained in past years, has been observed in the year just finished. Changes have occurred among those immediately administering its affairs, but the affairs themselves have moved on as aforesaid. During the months of August and September a serious sickness prevailed among the children, assuming the character of typhoid fever, a disease much to be dreaded when it shows a disposition to pervade a household. Its commencement was quite insidious—some considerable time elapsing between the convalescence of the first case, and the attack of the second; so that the Rector was induced to hope that the disease would only prove to be of a sporadic character. But as the season advanced, the fever extended itself so that at one time we had as many as five or six cases on our hands at once.

Thanks, however, to the good Providence of God blessing the unremitting attention and skill of the attending physician, Dr. George Trescott, and the devoted attendance and nursing of Miss Isabel Quinby—all of the cases (of which we had some fifteen or sixteen) met a favorable solution with one exception—the case of Anne Millington. She was ill from the moment that the disease manifested itself.

She was carefully watched and nursed, and was visited by Dr. Ogier, in consultation with Dr. Trescott; but the malignity of the fever was such that she expired after six days' sickness. Anne Millington was one of our best girls, generally quiet, orderly and tractable, so that some of us had anticipated her being employed in the Home, at some future time, when she would be of sufficient age. Early in her sickness she expressed her willingness to abide God's pleasure, whatever it might be. Two days before her death, during a

lucid interval, she expressed herself to the same effect ; she said she knew it was only through the merits of her Saviour she could look for pardon and salvation, and she joined in the utterance of a short ejaculatory prayer, which we cannot but hope was heard and answered by Him who came to seek and save the lost. She died at the age of fifteen years and three months.

The funeral service was performed at St. Stephen's Chapel by the minister, Rev. Mr. Phillips, and she was buried in the Church yard of St. John's, Hampstead.

By the advice of Dr. Trescott, who was of the opinion that the fever would not be likely to abate while we remained on the premises in Laurens-street, a removal of the greater part of the household was made to a house in Meeting street, near George, which was most kindly and generously put at our disposal for that purpose by the proprietor, Mr. Locke.

In this house were moved all the well and the convalescing, leaving behind in Laurens street the sick, under the charge of Miss I. Quinby, one lady resident, and our two servants, the cook and washer. After about a month's absence, all cases of sickness having disappeared, and our premises in Laurens street having been thoroughly cleansed and fumigated, the inmates returned, since which time they have enjoyed uninterrupted health. During the six months last past, we have not had as many as six visits from the physician. Perhaps it may be as well to give a brief outline of the way in which the children are usually employed. The hour for rising is five o'clock in summer and half-past six in winter. At nine they go into school, and remain until one. The afternoons are generally devoted to sewing work, under the direction of the sewing mistress, with the exceptions of Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. During the winter, when the evenings were long, the parlor was opened to them, and all assembled here, after tea, and spent the evening together, learning to crochet. Miss M. Quinby has taken great pains to instruct them in this pretty art, and the specimens which they have wrought are thought to be quite creditable to the children. These will be sold, and the proceeds put up, for those who made them, in the Saving's Bank. Thus they will be doing something for themselves, while at the same time the winter's evening has been passed pleasantly and profitably. One of the larger girls is detailed each week to be housekeeper, under the supervision of the Lady Superintendent.

While under the direction of the Sewing Mistress, all who are capable are taught to make and mend their clothing.

The Religious instruction is pretty much the same as that of any professed Christian family

On Sundays the children attend public worship and Sunday School at St. Stephen's Chapel. Evening prayer is offered up daily by the Rector and other clergymen who have kindly assisted him in this work. The Rector also catechises the children, and it is his intention to form for them a Bible class.

One of the larger girls (Mary Millington) has been put into a family during the last year, as an attendant upon children. We are glad to hear that she has given much satisfaction, and to believe that she is in a position where she will have every opportunity given her to grow up a useful and respectable woman.

Several applications have been made for the admission of children into the Home ; but except in very urgent cases, such as absolute destitution, which, of course, ought to know no refusal, Council have thought it best to restrict such admissions generally to the children of Church parents, unless parties so applying will be responsible for their support. That is, Council think, that the Home being supported by the charities of the Episcopal Church, the destitute orphans of that communion are the proper candidates to be received and supported by the funds of the Home.

Congregations in the country, this charity not being restricted to this city, (through the communion alms,) or by a direct contribution for the purpose, may, on the occasion of destitute orphan children presenting itself to their sympathies and succor, procure for such and at a most reasonable rate a comfortable home.

As regards the officers in the Home, there have been several changes since the last anniversary. Mrs. Martin, our former nurse, gave up that post last August, and soon after returned to her native country, Scotland. She was an active and industrious woman, and was quite attached to the children, and watched them kindly when sick. Very soon after, Miss Isabel Quinby was elected by Council to fill this important situation, and, having accepted our invitation, this young lady entered immediately, and with much zeal and earnestness, upon its duties, which she has discharged to the entire satisfaction of all the friends of the house ; especially during the sickness of last summer her presence was very valuable. When we think how intimately this officer is associated with the children in sickness and in health, and how frequently the opportunity for good impressions must be presented, how words, and habits, and actions must meet her eye which will

meet none other, we cannot but feel how all important it is that one should preside over this department of our institution, who is capable of addressing herself to the souls as well as the physical well-being of the children, and who can give utterance to a word spoken in season. At the same time, a sister of this young lady, Miss Martha Quinby, was elected to fill the vacant place of Sewing Mistress, which she accepted, and has filled much to our satisfaction.

The lady visitors speak well of the improvement which the children have made, under her instructions, in the making and mending of their clothes as well as in crochet work. We are glad to be able to report that we are well served in the servant's department. This, which has usually given so much trouble, and which communicates its own irregularities and vexations more or less to the family in the house, is moving on with regularity and order and good feeling and cheerfulness, and has done so for the last eight months.

On the first of January last Mrs. Anna Wilson, who had been our Superintendent for the seven years previously, resigned that situation, and the Council soon after, on the Board's nomination, entered into an election, but without any result, the lady who was elected being precluded by reason of ill health from undertaking the charge. Subsequently, Miss Ellen H. Wood was elected by Council, who has signified to us her acceptance of the office, to go into effect on the ensuing first of July.

During this interim of six months Miss I. Quinby has been performing the duties of Superintendent, in addition to her other duties; and the Council only express their convictions when they say that they attribute the good order and cheerfulness now pervading the House and the economy of its management to this lady's judicious care and devoted attention to the duties of her position, which, necessarily, where there are many wills to be regarded, calls for patience and self-possession.

The monthly reports of the lady visitors uniformly speak in warm terms of Miss Quinby's supervision, and Council cheerfully recognizes the obligations it is under to this lady, who volunteered to assume the duties of the Superintendent's office till it could be permanently supplied, and who has so ably discharged it.

There are now resident in the Home : Nurse, one ; Sewing Mistress, one ; Lady Boarders, four ; Orphan Girls, nineteen ; Cook, Washer, and Girl about the house, three—in all, twenty-eight.

During the past year, one of the girls, as noticed, died ; one has been received into a family, and one is in the employ of the Home. Three girls, under a spirit of insubordination, left secretly.

The Treasurer's report will exhibit the financial condition of the institution.

We are dependent upon the charity of the Church for means to meet our current expenses, and, of course, our receipts for some time past have been affected by the state of the times. We have got on, however, by the strictest economy, without running into debt, and if our annual subscriptions, which become due this day, shall come in, we shall go on without difficulty.

Thus far God has helped us, and friends have not been backward, and we hope that they will not weary in lending us a helping hand. We make our appeals oftener than we like. While we shall rely confidently on the interest of friends, and desire no better support than what flows from this, still we hope that there will be a time when we shall not always appear before them as an applicant for alms.

We have the house in which we are, and which cost between twelve and thirteen thousand dollars, free of incumbrance. We have also a small nucleus for a permanent fund, and which we hope will gather as time goes on. In the meantime, however, we must rely for current expenses upon contributions—and we do rely upon them.' We believe that all our reasonable wants will be supplied, as they have hitherto been, through God's blessings, by the interest of friends in our behalf, who will continue to respond to our calls. As will be seen, the Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$228.48. This, however, will be more than consumed by bills becoming due in July. We would once more, therefore, commend this institution of our Church to your kind interest, prayers and alms.

It has now reached the eleventh year of its existence, of which a large part has been a struggle to keep life. If God should be pleased to put it on a permanent foundation, we hope, by His blessing, it may do the part assigned to it in the work of saving souls.

Our thanks are due the lady visitors for their frequent visits and advice and suggestions. On them falls a most important part of this work.

We would also thank our physician, Dr. George Trescott, for his untiring assiduity and devotion to the sick. Also, other friends who have remembered us from time to time in the way of gifts.

To the kindness of Mr. Philip Porcher, the children and inmates of the House were indebted for a most agreeable day spent at his plantation, on Goose Creek, where he entertained us all in the most hospitable manner. The President of the Northeastern Railroad also permitted us, on that occasion, to go over his road at a greatly reduced fare.

In conclusion, may God be with us, and bless us, and show us the light of His countenance, and make it our meat and drink to do His will and accomplish His work, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH HOME,
The Church Home in account with JOHN E. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.

1860.			
June 1	By Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last account, ..	\$793 89	
1861.			
June 1	By sundry amounts received and disbursed by the Rector, .	1,427 69	
June 1	By sundry Subscriptions, Donations and Interest received by the Treasurer,	2,150 81	
			\$4,372 39

1860-'61			
June 1	To amount of payments by the Rector,	\$1,427 69	
June 1	To amount of payments by the Treasurer,	2,716 22	\$4,143 91
June 1	By Balance in Treasurer's hands,		\$228 48

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PHILLIPS, *Treasurer.*

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1861.

Divine Service was performed, the Rev. C. P. Gadsden reading prayers. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. T. Porter. The report of Council and the report of Treasurer were read by the Secretary. The congregation was then dismissed, and a collection taken, amounting to \$75.

The annual meeting of Subscribers was then called to order, the Vice-President being in the Chair.

Rev. Wm. Dehon was re-elected Vice-President.

The following gentlemen were re-elected Trustees for three years, viz :

Hon. Edward Frost,	E. L. Kerrison, Esq.,
Rev. C. P. Gadsden,	Geo. A. Trenholm, Esq.,
Hon. Wm. Alston Pringle,	Wm. McBurney, Esq.,
Rev. J. G. Drayton,	John E. Phillips, Esq.

The Rev. J. H. Elliott declining to serve, Rev. Lucien Lance was elected in his place.

The Rector, together with Rev. L. Lance and J. J. Pringle Smith, Esq., were appointed a Committee to consider amendments to the Constitution, and report at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes, Sermon, Report, &c., be printed.

The meeting adjourned.

W. B. W. HOWE, *Secretary*.

NAMES OF THE OFFICERS.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year :

President—The Right Rev. THOMAS F DAVIS, D. D., Bishop
of the Diocese, *ex-officio*.

Vice-President—The Rev. WM. DEHON.

Secretary—The Rev. W B. W HOWE.

TRUSTEES :

1. Term of office to expire in 1862 :

The Rev. WM. DEHON.

The Rev. A. W MARSHALL, D.D.

Col. E. B. WHITE.

WM. C. COURTNEY, Esq.

J. J. PRINGLE SMITH, Esq.

A. H. BELIN, Esq.

2. Term of office to expire in 1863 :

The Rev. J. BARNWELL CAMPBELL.

The Rev. LUCIEN LANCE.

Hon. R. F. W. ALLSTON.

The Rev. C. C. PINCKNEY, Jr.

The Rev. A. T. PORTER.

JOHN E. PHILLIPS, Esq.

HENRY E. YOUNG, Esq.

3. Term of office to expire in 1864 :

Hon. EDWARD FROST.

The Rev. C. P. GADSDEN.

Hon. WM. ALSTON PRINGE.

The Rev. J. G. DRAYTON.

E. L. KERRISON, Esq.

The Rev. C. HANCKEL, D.D.

GEORGE A. TRENHOLM, Esq.

WM. MCBURNEY, Esq.

The above form the Council.

Treasurer—JOHN E. PHILLIPS, Esq., at Bank of Charleston.

Physician—Dr. GEORGE TRESPOTT.

Rector—Rev. W. B. W HOWE.

Lady Superintendent—Miss ELLEN WOOD.

Nursery, Governess and Asst. Teacher—Miss ISABEL QUINBY.

Sewing Mistress—Miss MARTHA QUINBY.

LADIES VISITORS.

Miss JANE McCrady,	Miss SARAH RUTLEDGE,
Miss ELIZABETH G. BARKER,	Mrs. M. L. BALL,
Mrs. C. C. PINCKNEY, Jr.,	Mrs. JANE REES,
Mrs. C. WALLACE,	Miss ELEANOR TOOMER,
Mrs. T. J. YOUNG,	Miss ANN TUCKER,
Mrs. ALICE HEYWARD,	Mrs. WM. DEHON.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES.

1. This Institution shall be called the *Church Home*.
2. Its objects shall be, (1.) To provide a place of refuge, and (aided by their own labor,) a support to indigent females of good character—to be called *Beneficiaries*.
(2.) The support and religious education and training of *Orphan Girls*.
3. The Church Home shall be strictly a religious Institution, and in close connexion with the Church.
4. The Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina for the time being, shall be President of the Institution.

THE COUNCIL.

5. The Church Home shall be governed by a *Council* consisting of the President, the Vice-President, the Chaplain, and twenty-one (21) Trustees. But no person shall be eligible, who is not a subscriber or a *Patron*, and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Trustees shall be divided into three (3) Classes of seven (7) each. The first Class to go out of office on the first anniversary thereafter, the second Class on the second anniversary, and the third Class on the third anniversary, but all to be re-eligible. A Vice-President and seven (7) Trustees, to fill the vacancies, shall be elected annually: The Trustees to serve for three years.
6. The Council shall have full power over all matters relating to the Institution, except to change these Fundamental Rules.
7. No By-law or Regulation once established by the Council, shall be changed, except at a meeting of the Council specially convened after due notice to all the members, and with the approbation of the President.
8. A Secretary and a Treasurer may be elected by the Council, from among their own number, or otherwise. Their duties to be defined by the Council.
9. The Council shall assemble quarterly or oftener, for the transaction of business. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
10. A meeting of the subscribers shall be held annually on the Festival of St. Barnabas, (June 11th,) or if that fall on Sunday, then the day after, when the Vice-President and Trustees shall be elected, and other necessary business transacted.

11. The Council shall lay before the subscribers at each annual meeting a report of their proceedings during the preceding year, and an account of the finances of the Institution.

12. A *Rector* who shall also be *Chaplain* shall be nominated by the President, subject to approval by the Council. His duty shall be to superintend the Institution, to conduct or provide for the religious instruction of the inmates, and to hold divine service daily in the Church Home, unless there be opportunity for the inmates to attend in some Church or Chapel approved by the Bishop.

13. A *Lady Superintendent* shall be in like manner nominated by the President, subject to approval by the Council. Her duty shall be to superintend the domestic arrangements of the Church Home, and under the authority of the Chaplain, to have the supervision of all inmates.

14. Any officer in the Institution may be suspended or removed by the Council; but no such suspension or removal shall be *final*, until sanctioned in writing by the President.

PATRONS.

15. Every Donor of \$500, being a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be named a *Patron* for life.

16. Every subscriber of \$50 per annum, being a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be a *Patron* during the continuance of such payment, and if it be continued for *ten years*, he shall then become a *Patron for life*.

NOMINATIONS.

17. Patrons shall be entitled to nominate one Beneficiary or Orphan, each, and to renew said nomination as often as the place becomes vacant.

18. Any Church in the Diocese contributing one hundred (\$100) dollars per annum, shall be entitled, through its Minister, to nominate one Beneficiary or Orphan, and to renew the nomination (so long as the contribution be continued) as often as the place becomes vacant.

INMATES.

19. Beneficiaries, Orphans, and *Resident Associates*, may be elected from time to time by the Council, on *nomination* or *recommendation*, as provided in these Rules, and shall be in all respects under the control of the Chaplain and Lady Superintendent.

SUBSCRIBERS.

20. Subscribers of not less than five (5) dollars per annum, being members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and not being in arrears for subscriptions, and Patrons, shall be entitled to vote for Trustees.

21. Subscribers of whatever amount, shall be entitled to preference over non-subscribers in obtaining nurses from the Church

Home, and in recommending candidates for admission as Beneficiaries or Orphans, in places not otherwise filled

22. All annual subscriptions shall be considered due on the anniversary.

23. By-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Fundamental Rules and the foregoing *Plan*, may be established by the Council from time to time, both for their own government, and that of the Church Home.

24. None of the above Rules shall be changed, except by a majority of the subscribers present at an annual meeting, on written recommendation of the Council; or otherwise, after having been proposed, considered and agreed to at one annual meeting, and finally adopted at the succeeding one.

REASONS FOR SUPPORTING THE CHURCH HOME.

1. Such an Institution has been long needed. It supplies a place filled by no other Institution. Long has it been felt as a grievous want, that there was no place of refuge for the indigent and respectable Christian female, in her age, her helplessness, or her want, but the Almshouse. Now the Almshouse is, from no fault of the authorities, but from the necessities of the case, a last resort for many of low character, and principles and habits, which render them disagreeable associates to the pure and refined. It is true, that the number of adult females now in the Home, is small. But this arises solely from the want of means and of room. *Another building* is much wanted for this purpose; but cannot be erected without additional funds.

2. Children are received here from different parts of the State; and others, who would necessarily be excluded from the city Orphan House by its rules. These rules are just and right, but do not provide for all cases of manifest distress.

3. The *industrial training* of the children extends to every species of labor carried on in the house, and thus will be of incalculable importance to them, when grown up.

4. The *religious training* is more careful and constant, and better applied to each individual character and case, than it can possibly be in a very large institution, or one controlled by various denominations. And though no children are excluded on account of the religion of their parents, the Home appeals especially to members of the *Episcopal Church*, as bringing up these orphan

girls in her doctrines, worship, habits, and ways. In endeavoring to effect this object, nothing is inculcated or allowed which can possibly offend any class of Churchmen, or even any pious and candid Protestant.*

5. The Home challenges scrutiny, cordially invites all persons interested to call and examine for themselves on any day except Saturday; and confidently appeals to the suffrage of all who are acquainted with its practical working as being in all respects worthy of their good opinion and cordial support.

6. Every such Institution must necessarily have a beneficial influence not only in calling into action the benevolent sympathies of the rich, but in elevating and refining the sentiments and habits of the poor. Its influence must extend far beyond its limited number of inmates.

* The writer has often heard from Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists, the warmest commendations of the Home; and the wish expressed that *they* had like Institutions.

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